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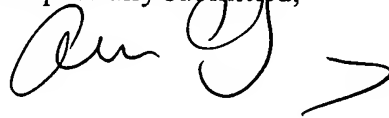
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In view of the decision from the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in *Larson v. Aluminart*, <http://www.cafc.uscourts.gov/opinions/08-1096.pdf>, Applicants include copies of recent Office Actions or Notice of Allowance documents for copending applications. Applicants realize this procedure can be frustrating to those involved; however, they are provident in an attempt to disclose material relevant to this application and in accordance with recent case law.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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